

3. The recommendations of the Committee may be classified under the following heads:—

- (i) Suggestions for modifications in the law in force.
- (ii) Suggestions for alterations in the rules or procedure in force which do not require any modification of the law and which do not also entail additional expenditure.
- (iii) Suggestions entailing additional expenditure with an approximate estimate of such expenditure.

4. The Committee will hold its sittings in the Chief Court building, the dates and time of meeting being fixed by the President of the Committee. All officers of Government are requested to help the Committee by furnishing any information that may be required by it.

D. NAGAPPA,
*Secretary to Government,
Local and Legislative Departments.*

REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Disbursement of pay to certain Government servants.

READ—

Letter No. C. 3779—24-25, dated the 23rd June 1925, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, requesting sanction for adopting money order system for disbursement of salaries due to some of the subordinate Government servants stationed at Kalasa in the Mudgere Taluk.

ORDER NO. R. 1351-4—L. R. 76-24-2, DATED 15TH SEPTEMBER 1925.

It is reported that much difficulty is being experienced by the subordinate Government servants at Kalasa, Mudgere Taluk, in drawing their salaries in time, as Kalasa is thirty-eight miles distant from the Taluk Treasury. The Peshkar of Sri Kalaseswaraswami Temple and the Sub-Assistant Surgeon, etc., of the place are put to much hardship in going to Mudgere a distance of thirty-eight miles for cashing their bills at the Treasury. Moreover when the Sub-Assistant Surgeon goes to Mudgere for the purpose, the people of Kalasa are put to much inconvenience for want of medicines during such absences for three or four days every month. To remedy this inconvenience the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District, proposes that the Amildar, Mudgere, may be authorised to draw the amount required on presentation of salary bills and remit the same by postal money order at Government cost, to the Sub-Assistant Surgeon, the Shikdar and the Peshkar for disbursement as is being done in the case of School Masters. The Revenue Commissioner supports the Deputy Commissioner's proposal. Government approve of the recommendation. The cost of money order commission during the current year will be met by reappropriation of the sanctioned grants of the respective departments. Necessary provision may be made in the budgets of future years for meeting this charge.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
*Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.*

Distress Relief Measures.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 1325-9—R. M. 7-25-20, dated the 11th September 1925, passing orders in regard to the Distress Relief Measures in the Pavagada and Maddagiri Taluks.

2. Government Order No. R. 1340-2—R. M. 7-25-23, dated 14th September 1925, sanctioning a sum of Rs. 200 for giving gratuitous Relief in the Pavagada and Maddagiri Taluks.

3. Letter No. C. 437—25-26, dated the 11th—12th September 1925, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, bringing to the notice of Government the seasonal conditions prevailing in parts of Kolar and Tumkur Districts on account of insufficient rainfall and requesting sanction among others to an allotment of Rs. 50,000 for Tahavi and Land Improvement Loans and of Rs. 20,000 for Village Improvement works and for temporary wells, as the current year's budget allotment under these heads have almost been spent.

ORDER No. R. 1370-3—R. M. 7-25-24, DATED 16TH SEPTEMBER 1925.

Government are pleased to sanction an additional allotment of Rs. 20,000 for each of the Districts of Kolar and Tumkur for Takavi and Land Improvement Loans and a sum of Rs. 5,000 also for each of the Districts for Village Improvement works and for temporary wells.

2. A demand for the above additional amounts will be placed before the Legislative Council at its next sessions.

3. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to carefully watch the situation in these two Districts and forward a further report of the conditions two weeks hence.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
*Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.*

Gratuitous Relief.

READ—

Demi-official letter of the 17th instant received from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, requesting for reasons stated, the grant of a sum of Rs. 500 for the Kolar District for gratuitous relief in view of the seasonal conditions prevailing there.

ORDER No. R. 1408-1410—R. M. 7-25-28, DATED 21ST SEPTEMBER 1925.

Sanctioned. The amount will be met by reappropriation.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
*Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.*

Revised Rules re Suspension and Remission of Wet Assessment on Tank-irrigated lands.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 3748-58—L. R. 502-17-10, dated the 4th February 1922 issuing revised rules in the matter of suspension and remission of wet assessment on tank-irrigated lands and directing that they be adopted tentatively for a period of five years.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 3445—24-25, dated the 14th August 1925, from the Revenue Commissioner furnishing his opinion in the matter of change of the above rules.

ORDER No. R. 14 25—L. R. 149-24-74, DATED CAMP MYSORE, 3RD OCTOBER 1925

In the order of 1922, read above, the question of affording relief to raiyats in seasons of drought and distress was reviewed, and revised rules in the matter of granting suspension and remission of wet assessment were issued, to be in force tentatively for a period of five years. According to these rules, relief by way of suspension of wet assessment only is admissible in the first year in tracts where there has been general failure of rains and the suspensions are granted when such relief is found to be necessary on the ground of prevailing distress, and remission is given in the second year if the same conditions continue.

2. The relief afforded by the order was not found adequate during the severe distress that prevailed in parts of Kolar and Tumkur Districts in 1923-24, and 1924-25. Government accordingly relaxed as a special case some of the rules by extending the time for the submission of applications for relief, and by sanctioning remission instead of suspension of half assessment on wet lands in the Goribidnur and Maddagiri Taluks and Gudibanda and Koratagere Sub-Taluks. The Revenue Commissioner was also authorised to sanction suspensions of half wet assessment in areas where there was a total failure of crops or the outturn was less than four annas, irrespective of the other conditions laid down in the order of 1922. The collection of half garden assessment under tanks, wells and talapariges and of half wet assessment under wells and talapariges in the Taluks of Maddagiri, Pavagada and Goribidnur and Sub-Taluks of Koratagere and Gudibanda due for 1923-24, was also suspended for one year. In 1924-25, not only was a large portion of the suspended assessment of the previous year remitted, but fresh suspensions of assessment including those on bagayat lands were granted. As a result of these orders, suspensions and remissions to the extent of Rs. 1,77,854-11-1 and 63,349-1-10 respectively, have been sanctioned in the two Districts.

3. In the Representative Assembly Sessions of October 1924 and June 1925, a number of representations and resolutions were brought up requesting a revision of the present suspension and remission rules referred to in the Government Order of 4th February 1922, so as to make the rules more liberal and the grant of relief more prompt.